

early crisis of his sexual life, in the years before the latency period, whilst his experience and sense of reality are still weak and inadequate, that the pre-genital phantasies dominate the child's genital wishes.

A number of the incidents in this section show a definitely anal colouring. For instance (16.1.25) : " While modelling, Frank said, apropos of a long piece of plasticine, 'Somebody's climbing up the lady's ah-ah house/ ' Frank's modelling, again, represented parental intercourse. (Most of the children, and especially all the boys, when they began modelling, made long " snakes " more frequently than anything else.) But when Frank says, " somebody is climbing up the lady's ah-ah house ", he is not only showing us parental intercourse, but also his dread that the body of the mother, into which the father enters, is nothing but an " ah-ah house," a lavatory, where there is nothing but faeces and urine. That is to say, Frank's genital phantasies are deeply tinged with the anxieties belonging to earlier anal situations.

The very amusing incident on 18.5.27 gives us a specially clear example of the mechanism of *projection*: " After lunch the children bathed in the sand-pit. Three of them, when *drying* and dressing in the cloakroom, asked Miss D. to ' Please go away and leave us alone/ When she refused to do so, they were very angry and made violent protests; and ended by saying that *she* was 'rude', as she insisted on staying with them when they were dressing ! And all wrapped towels round their middles, so that she could not see them—trying to dress under the towels—with an air of completely shocked and injured innocence ! " When Miss D. would not acquiesce in the children's wish to be left alone naked, and a sense of guilt was thus evoked, they dealt

with this guilt
by complete projection of the guilty wishes. It
was not
they, but *she*, who was " rude ".

At the end of the material I quote an opinion of
Charlotte
Bühler's with regard to " a first suggestion of
sexual develop-
ment, a brief flicker of emotion " occurring in the
years round
about 3:0. I quote it here, in connection with
this series
of openly sexual incidents, because it is an-
indication that the
eyes of non-analytic observers are gradually
being opened to
what, only a few years ago, would never have
been seen,
or, if seen, admitted, in the emotional life of
little children.
Even such an inadequate observation as this,
such a grudging